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For: COATING WHICH IS APPLIED TO A SUBSTRATE, A SOLAR CELL, AND METHOD
FOR APPLYING THE COATING TO THE SUBSTRATE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Responsive to the Official Action of October 15, 2007 and the 2-way requirement for restriction between either Group I (claims 1-14 and 20-24) or Group II (claims 15-19), applicants elects the subject matter of claims 1-14 and 20-24, Group I.

This response is made with traverse.

Applicants submit that the subject matter of both claim 1 and claim 15 actually concern one and the same invention, though different wordings are used. In this respect reference is made to page 2, lines 9-27 of WO 2005/036659. Especially from lines 20-24 it is clear that in addition to the (100) orientation the (211) orientation becomes dominant due to the use of an elevated content of electron donors. This finding is clearly confirmed in the Example, and especially Figure 3.

Hence, applicants believe that claims 1 and 15 relate indeed to the same invention.

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Please examine **all** of the claims on the merits taking into account the documents cited in the International Search Report in the underlying PCT application and the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 5, 2006.

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